

# RESIDENTS OF PORT HADLOCK

## SEWER COULD COST \$41,000 PER HOUSEHOLD!

There are many concerns about the proposed Port Hadlock/Irondale sewer project. Not only is it being pushed forward by people with vested interests, but the costs are to be borne by the residents as a whole. And, there are statements in some of the county documents that make it appear there is significant support for the sewer proposal, which is not true. ***Few residents of Port Hadlock favor this project.*** Most prefer the peace and quiet of this rural community, and that is why we live here. We don't crave high density development.

In the county's June 5, 2020 Status Report it states that landowners will: *"...determine whether they want to proceed with the sewer project and how much they are willing to pay to have sewer service."*

### We have the right to vote "Yes" or "No." It is not a done deal.

1. A small group of pro-development landowners, the "Sewer Working Group," are pushing this idea. However, Port Townsend has a sewer system and yet one-third of its business and residential land still sits empty. There is insufficient demand and no need to open up areas for expansion in Port Hadlock.
2. Overall sewer project cost estimates range from over \$100 million to \$43 million to \$23 million, making it impossible to assess which estimate is true. Hook up cost estimates range as high as \$41,000 each.
3. County documents contain contradictory statements about who is required to hook up to the system.
4. In addition to hook up costs and monthly ongoing sewer fees, this project could increase property taxes. **These combined costs will drive some people out of their homes and businesses.**
5. Most residents in Port Hadlock do not support the sewer proposal and yet the project appears to be moving forward without our input, voice or knowledge. Only a few insiders are pushing this whole idea.
6. Alternatives to sewers are available at much lower cost if aging septic systems are of concern.
7. The sewage treatment plant could be built on what is now a beautiful green belt right next to the backyards of about 50 homes in Chimacum Creek Estates. Who wants to live next to a sewage plant?
8. Another disturbing part of the plan is to discharge the treated sewer water right next to Chimacum Creek, potentially threatening the fish and wildlife in this restored salmon-bearing stream.
9. Mobile home properties that are zoned multi-family are at risk in this proposal. A sewer system would allow the landowner to build high density apartments on those properties and evict current tenants. Homeowners could be forced to abandon their mobile homes if they are unable to relocate them, increasing potential solid waste and homelessness problems here.
10. Port Townsend recently received a state grant to build a 43-unit low income apartment building - a much less expensive solution for affordable housing than building a \$100 million sewer in Hadlock.

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